

REMARKS

This communication is a full and timely response to the aforementioned non-final Office Action dated September 26, 2007. By this communication, claim 2 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the underlying subject matter and claim 1 is amended. Claims 1 and 3 remain pending. Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication that claim 2 recites allowable subject matter.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1 and 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by *Ishida et al.* (Japanese Published Application No. 2003/289700). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. However, in an effort to expedite prosecution claim 1 has been amended to include the features previously recited in claim 2. This rejection thereby is rendered moot. Withdrawal is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

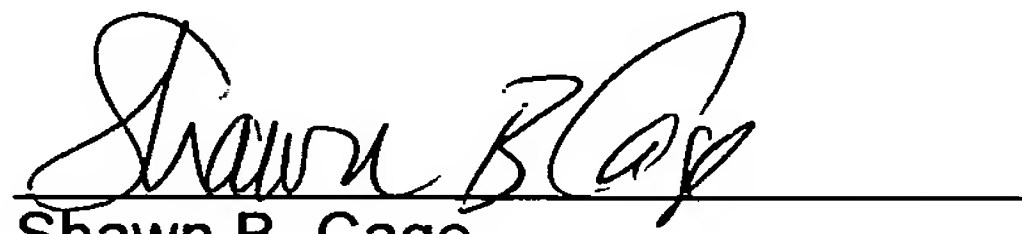
Based on at least the foregoing remarks, Applicant submits that claims 1 and 3 are allowable, and this application is in condition for allowance. In the event the instant application can be placed in even better form, Applicant requests that the undersigned attorney be contacted at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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